

23-30-101. Title.

This chapter is known as the "Mule Deer Protection Act."

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23-30-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "General predator control" means a predatory animal removal effort by the division to reduce predatory animal numbers for the benefit of mule deer.
- (2) "Predatory animal" means a coyote.
- (3) "Targeted predator control" means a predatory animal removal effort by the division:
 - (a) to reduce predatory animal numbers in an area where mule deer predation occurs; and
 - (b) that focuses on specific locations and certain times.

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23-30-103. Mule Deer Protection Account -- Contents -- Use of Funds.

- (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "Mule Deer Protection Restricted Account."
 - (a) The restricted account shall consist of:
 - (i) appropriations made by the Legislature; and
 - (ii) grants or donations from:
 - (A) the federal government;
 - (B) a state agency;
 - (C) a local government; or
 - (D) a person.
 - (b) The division shall administer the restricted account.
- (2) Subject to appropriation, the division may expend money in the restricted account on:
 - (a) a program established by rule under Subsection 23-30-104(1);
 - (b) a contract for targeted predator control described in Subsection 23-30-104(3)(a);
 - (c) predator control education and training related to mule deer protection described in Subsection 23-30-104(3)(b); and
 - (d) administration costs incurred to carry out the requirements of this chapter.

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23-30-104. Rulemaking authority, coordination, and administration for predator control.

- (1) The division may make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish programs to accomplish targeted predator control or general predator control, including programs that offer incentives or compensation to participants who remove a predatory animal that is detrimental to mule

deer production.

(2) The division shall:

(a) administer a program established under Subsection (1);

(b) coordinate with federal, state, and local governments, and private persons to accomplish the purposes of this chapter; and

(c) coordinate with the Department of Agriculture and Food and the Agriculture and Wildlife Damage Prevention Board created in Section 4-23-4 to:

(i) minimize unnecessary duplication of predator control efforts; and

(ii) prevent interference between predator control programs administered under Title 4, Chapter 23, Agricultural and Wildlife Damage Prevention Act, and this chapter.

(3) The division may:

(a) contract with a vendor that offers targeted predator control services; and

(b) prepare and distribute educational and training materials related to mule deer protection.

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